

REMARKS

Claims 23-39 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 23-39 have been added.

Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned “Version with markings to show changes made”.

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APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

At page 1, line 1, please insert the following new paragraph

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/230,491, filed August 11, 1999, now allowed, the specification and drawings of which is incorporated herein by reference. Application No. 09/230,491 claims priority to Australian Provisional Patent Application No. PO1265, filed July 26, 1996, through PCT Application No. PCT/AU97/00450, filed July 16, 1997 (published as WO 98/04310 on 5 February 1998). This application contains subject matter related to U.S. Application No. 08/791,212, filed January 31, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,112,746, incorporated by reference in its entirety, which also claims priority to Australian Provisional Patent Application No. PO1265, filed July 26, 1996.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

New claims 23-39 have been added.